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DICK CULP: An investigation continues into alleged connections between the CIA and organized crime.

Details in this report from Bill Cameron, in Chicago.

BILL CAMERON: Sam Giancana, the reputed mobster of Chicago murdered two years ago just shortly before he was to tell a congressional committee about any ties between the mob and the CIA. That was back in the days when there were stories suggesting the government retained the services of the mob to try to kill Fidel Castro.

The stories are still being investigated, but Cook County States Attorney Bernard Carey is still maintaining there is no apparent link between the CIA and Giancana's murder.

BERNARD CAREY: That came up as a response to questions which we received from this office from as far away as New York City and the New York "Times" as to whether or not I felt, during the course of our investigation, that the CIA or the FBI or some federal agency was connected with the killing of Giancana. My response was, "No, I don't feel that they were connected with it, because we are close to a solution. We think we know who did it, and it's not the FBI and it's not the CIA."

So that came up as a response to a question about whether or not I felt the Federal Government was involved. So to put that to rest, we speculated as to what we knew at that time.

CAMERON: Well, you think you know who did it, o.k.? Is that person in any way connected with the -- with the Cuban assassination and all that?

CAREY: No, the -- the individual or individuals that we feel

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were responsible for the killing of Giancana are not individuals who have ever known to have been CIA agents or FBI agents or anything else. They're fellow travelers of Giancana.

What we're saying is that we don't feel there is any connection. We have no evidence of there being a connection, but I don't know that to be a fact.

CAMERON: And so one of the few agencies willing to talk about the CIA and Giancana still cannot connect the two.

Bill Cameron, NBC News, Chicago.